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1. The Typesetters' Union, headed by Mustafa Aris and always a Communist stronghold, has become a center for Party activities since governmental restriction of the Communist Party. The following Union members are Aris's chief assistants: Sa'd-al-Din Muminah, Michel Azar, Elias Bawari, Emil Shinali, Michel 'Aramiyyah.
2. The Council of the Typesetters' Union prints Sawt al-Sha'b, Nidal al-Sha'b, and the Soviet Information Bulletin.
3. The Union also prints Communist pamphlets, using the types of Sawt al-Sha'b and the Party's printing press, now called the "An-Najah" press. Type Number 12 is used for Nidal al-Sha'b. This type was imported from the Soviet Union for Sawt al-Sha'b, but was removed from its press when the latter was transferred to Malik Abd-al-Malik.
4. Editors of Nidal al-Sha'b are:
Mustafa Aris, who edits material concerning workers and unions;
Nicola Shawi and Farajallah Hilu, editors for internal affairs;
Fu'ad Qazan, foreign policy editor, under the supervision of
Khalid Baghdash and Artin Madoya.
5. Nidal al-Sha'b is probably printed now by Elias Bawari and Fu'ad Nasr-al-Din. The latter has not been seen in workers' circles for more than four months.

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it was reported that the Communist Party press had moved into the office of Malik Abd-al-Malik, in the same building where the press had formerly been located, and that it was continuing to print the Communist Party's underground handbills, the Communist paper, Nidal al-Sha'b, and pamphlets issued by the Soviet Legation, including the Soviet Information Bureau Bulletin. 25X1X
Sa'd-al-Din Muminah was reported in 1946 as a leading figure at the press of Mustafa Shami, where clandestine Communist literature was printed. 25X1X
Michel Azar was reported in 1945 and 1946 as connected with Soviet IS. Reports from Soviet agents were submitted to the Sawt al-Sha'b newspaper, where they were studied by Nicola Shawi and Azar. 25X1X

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